

Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation

Bus Stop News

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Letter from the President



The Conference went great! Thanks to all who came and participated, from the responses we received the instructors were awesome. We hope you enjoyed it and took away some new knowledge. The 2009 Conference will be hosted by Agua Fria Union High School District in Buckeye, Arizona. We are already in the planning stages for the next conference, so now is the time to tell us what you would like. Are there any new classes you would like to have? The members who took advantage of the CPR and 1st Aid class, do we need to do it again in 2009? We would like to hear from you. You may contact us on our Website www.azpupiltransportation, or give me a call (Donna) at 602-290-1578 or Hilma 602-290-6417 your President Elect.

The school bus Road-eo is our next event in 2009. This year we have made a change to the written test, Yes, that's right a change I think you will like. The test will be available for you to take on February 1st. All you need to do is log onto our website and print it out. It will be open book, so take your time. Bring it with you to the Road-eo and turn it in when you register that morning. Remember the written test is worth 100 points, so DO NOT FORGET IT. Gather your teams together and start practicing. You can expect to have a great time.

SEE YOU AT THE ROAD-EO

Donna Keylon
President



The votes are in, and it's official. Please congratulate the following people on their elections to the A.A.P.T. Executive Board; they will be making decisions on your behalf in the months ahead.

President Elect
Hilma Gustafson

Region one
Nancy Edwards
Deborah Wilson

Region Two
Armando Cuellar
Cathy Erwin
Christy Fuller
Kay Campbell

Region Three
Robyn Nelson
Ervin Lopez



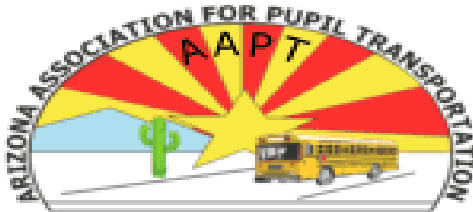
JUDGES - RUNNERS - JUDGES



It is that time again; we are looking for volunteers to help out with the judging of events at this year's Road-eo. As always, we will be asking for all of your help. We need people to direct traffic, judge competitions and run scores. If you bring your family members invite them to check in at the registration table and offer a hand. We always appreciate your help.

Thank You

Special thanks goes out to Rose Flood , Manon Keepers and the Marana Unified School District. They did an awesome job. The fall festival in the park was so much fun, and the food was great. There was pumpkin carving, pie eating, and even a dance contest. Everyone had a great time! So if you missed this year's conference, you must make plans to attend the next one to be held in Buckeye, Arizona on October 10-11 2009. Hope to see you there; I know I am looking forward to it.



We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's conference a success:

- Motivational Speaker – Ruby James
- The many Instructors who came to teach classes.
- The vendors who came to sell products and support us in our endeavor to promote school bus safety.
- The many sponsors who donated items for the door prizes and raffles.
- Last, but not least, the A.A.P.T. board members who have been planning the events and getting everything ready for the Conference.



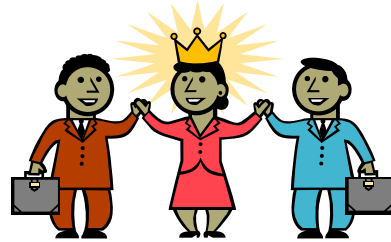
Bus Driver

T's by Tina

- T-shirts
- Fanny Packs
- Jackets
- Caps

(520) 682-2915

**The Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation
Is proud to announce and recognize the following
winners in the AAPT annual awards.**



School Transportation Person of the Year
Eric Kissel – Glendale Elementary

Q'Straint Special Needs Driver of the Year
Karen Munoz - Gilbert

Q'Straint Bus Attendant of the Year
Julia Perez - Creighton

School Bus Driver of the Year
Deanna Ellis – Agua Fria Unified



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES & Q'STRAIT

**Wheelchair Securement & Occupant Restraints
Child Safety Vests and Special Needs Training**

Contact – John Goss
9975 E. Creek Street
Tucson, AZ 85730

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jgosspts@aol.com



**Saturday, March 14, 2009
DPS PARKING LOT
19TH Ave. & Encanto Road
SW corner by the State Fair Grounds**



ROAD-EO AGENDA

Registration 7:00 A.M.
Judges meet @ 7:00 A.M.
Welcome & Driving Instructions 7:30 A.M.

Written Test 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
(If you have not already completed)

First Bus on Course @ 8:30 A.M.

Late Sign In
Will not be accepted after 10:00 A.M.

FYI

*** The awards ceremony will be held at ***
Madison Elementary District Office
5601 N. 16th Street (NE Corner of 16th St & Missouri)
Doors will open at 7:30 P.M

Awards will start at
8:00 PM

If you're interested in competing, study your C.D.L. manual, Minimum Standards book and First Aid and C.P.R. books. **You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, and Drivers License) with you at registration or you will not be able to participate in the road-eo**



BUSES



If your district or contract company plans on having at least **five** competitors, please bring one bus to use in the competition. When we have enough buses it makes the Road-eo flow at a smooth

Motel Listings for Road-eo



602-258-6271
2745 N. Black Canyon Hwy



602-248-8881
2548 W. Indian School Rd.



602-257-0801
2420 W. Thomas Rd



1-800-786-6835
10402 N. Black Canyon HWY



RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE

\$1.00 PER TICKET
GAS GRILL

Do not have to be present to win

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION for PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



Ervin Lopez, Jaime Lara, Nancy Edwards, Donna Keylon, Hilma Gustafson, Gabe Cachora, Armando Cuellar, Freddy Yazzie, Kay Campbell, Cathy Erwin, Norman Ward, Robin Nelson, Christy Fuller, Evelyn King, Sarah Pederson. Not pictured are David Sekavayma, and Deborah Wilson.

<p><u>Past President</u> Evelyn King Willcox Unified 520-253-0790</p>	<p><u>President</u> Donna Keylon Agua Fria Unified 602-290-1578</p>	<p><u>President Elect</u> Hilma Gustafson Glendale Elementary 602-290-6417</p>
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ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

3135 S.48TH STREET, SUITE 104 BOX 57, TEMPE, AZ 85282

2009 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ROAD-EO REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLE AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

NAME:		D.O.B.	
HOME ADDRESS:			
CITY:	ZIP:	HM PHONE:	
HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
SCHOOL DISTRICT:		SCHOOL DISTRICT PHONE:	
SCHOOL ADDRESS:			
ARIZONA SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATE #		CARD PENDING CHECK HERE <input type="checkbox"/>	
YEARS OF SERVICE:		ISSUE DATE:	

**** Deadline for mailing the Road-EO Entry fees/form ****

Must be postmarked no later than February 25, 2009. There will be **NO** late registrations. If you have any questions, contact Donna Keylon, President, at 602-290-1578 or Hilma Gustafson, President Elect at 602-290-6417

PAYMENT & MAILING

Make checks, money orders, P/O'S payable to AAPT

SEND TO:

Hilma Gustafson
5826 N. 70th Ave
Glendale, Arizona 85303

ROAD-EO FEES

Road-EO fees \$35.00
Membership Fees \$25.00

Payment: Check # _____ Money Order # _____ P/O # _____

T-SHIRT

All Contestants will receive a Road-EO T-Shirt that must be worn the day of the Road-EO. This will identify you as a Contestant. Please circle the size shirt that you will need.

T-Shirt Size (Circle One)

S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL ___

****Membership fees only due if you did not register for the Conference****

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Registration "Check-In" on March 14th, begins at 7:00 AM "MST – Phoenix Time" You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, and Drivers License) with you at registration or you will not be able to participate in the Road-EO. All Contestants will be assigned to the next bus in line. There will be NO option on the style of bus you drive. "It will be luck of the draw" Buses could be Front or Rear Transit. All Registered Road-EO Contestants must arrive by 10:00 AM in order to compete.

FYI

The written test will be available for you to take on February 1st. All you need to do is log onto our website and print it out. It will be open book, so take your time. Bring it with you to the Road-EO and turn it in when you register that morning. Remember the written test is worth 100 points, so **DO NOT FORGET IT.**

SORRY, NO REFUNDS!

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3135 S.48TH STREET
SUITE 104 BOX 57
TEMPE, AZ 85282

2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLE AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT

NAME:		D.O.B.	
HOME ADDRESS:			
CITY:	ZIP:	HM PHONE:	
HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
SCHOOL DISTRICT:			
SCHOOL ADDRESS:			
SCHOOL DISTRICT PHONE:		FAX:	
WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS:			

JOB POSITION (CIRCLE ONE)
DRIVER, ATTENDANT, DISPATCHER, MECHANIC
SECRETARY, SUPERVISOR, DIRECTOR, DRIVER TRAINER,
OTHER _____

PAYMENT & MAILING

\$25.00

Make checks, money orders, or P/O'S payable to Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation

SEND TO:

AAPT C/O Hilma Gustafson at 5826 N.70th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85303

**** FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

AAPT ROAD-EO COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

All competitors are reminded that you are representing your school district. Therefore you are expected to conduct yourself in accordance with established standards. In addition, certain rules must be enforced at the Road-EO site. Remember, it is assumed that students are aboard the bus during all events.

1. There will be no alcoholic beverages consumed on or around the Road-EO site by anyone. If a contestant is found to have consumed alcoholic beverages at any time during the day's events, they will be immediately disqualified.
2. Smoking will be only permitted in designated smoking areas. There will be no smoking on board any bus regardless of the location
3. Competitors who normally wear driver's uniforms are encouraged to wear them during the Road-EO. Those not wearing uniforms should dress in attire appropriate for school bus drivers. SHORTS, HALTERS, etc., will not be allowed as they are considered in poor taste for this function.
4. Footwear is important in safe operation of the vehicle. And must conform to minimum standards.
5. Contestants are required to remain in the designated waiting or spectator areas before and after their event, unless assigned specific details that may require their assistance in the competition area.
6. The bus door must remain closed at all times unless the Road-EO event rules direct that they be opened or if directed by the event judge. A minimum of five (5) demerits will be charged if the door is opened when not required or directed.
7. Contestants are required to maintain proper driving position at all times while on board the bus. The proper driving position is being seated in the driver's seat with feet firmly planted on the floor or foot controls. The contestant will not be permitted to put his or her head out of the bus window at any time. Seat belts must be snugly fastened while in the driving position. There will be a total disqualification from the event if any infraction of the above occurs.
8. Any driver who knowingly accepts signals from the spectators will be automatically disqualified.
9. The decisions of the judges are final.
10. Each event has a particular purpose, instructions to be followed and methods of scoring. The actual score sheets will be annotated by the Road-EO staff and tabulated by the administrative staff. Test scores will be furnished upon completion of the total Road-EO. Please do not ask the administrative staff for your score prior to the end of the Road-EO. All competitors are requested to keep out of the administrative area, unless assigned a specific detail in that area.
11. Road-EO contestants are required to use whatever rear view mirrors are furnished on the bus assigned as long as the mirrors are in accordance with state and federal regulations. Every effort will be made by the Road-EO staff to adjust mirrors to fit in a maximum of three minutes or one adjustment per mirror.

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH YOU ON ROAD-EO DAY! AAPT 2009 ROAD-EO EVENTS

EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S ROAD-EO WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

<i>MYSTERY EVENT</i>	<i>STRAIGHT LINE FORWARD</i>
<i>OFF SET ALLEY</i>	<i>RAILROAD CROSSING</i>
<i>SERPENTINE</i>	<i>BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK</i>
<i>FORWARD STOP/STRAIGHT LINE BACK</i>	
<i>DIMINISHING CLEARANCE</i>	
<i>PARALLEL PARKING</i>	
<i>STUDENT LOADING</i>	

WRITTEN TEST: The purpose of the written test is to determine the contestant's familiarity with safe driving practices. The test includes questions on Arizona Laws, regulations and rules as well as information contained in the Commercial Drivers License manual. Almost every collision can be traced to the failure of the driver to abide by the rules of the road. Defensive driving is the key to being a successful school bus driver.

MYSTERY EVENT: *This years event will be, wait a minute, if I tell you it won't be a mystery. But I can tell you this much, it could earn you an extra 50 points! So come on out and see what it's all about, you'll have to try it to win. See ya!*

OFF SET ALLEY: *This test is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to operate the vehicle under actual driving conditions. The offset alley consists of two offset lanes through which the driver must pass with a minimum of hesitation and without touching the barriers.*

SERPENTINE: *This event is to test the skills of a driver to maneuver a bus backwards around objects that might obstruct their path. The serpentine will consist of three markers through which the driver must back their bus through with out touching the markers or going out of the designed sidelines.*

FORWARD STOP/STRAIGHT LINE BACK: *This event has two parts. First, the driver will drive through the ten feet wide alley and stop within two inches of the painted white line. Upon stopping the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, wait for the judges to evaluate the distance from the stop line, and annotate the score sheet. The judge will then direct the driver to begin the second part of the event. The driver will pull forward until the rear of the bus is even with the stop line. The driver will be required to back the bus straight back out of the alley without touching the alley side boundaries.*

DIMINISHING CLEARANCE: *in this event the driver is required to drive the bus in a straight line, in a smooth and continuous manner, through five pairs of standards, with each pair of standards diminishing clearance.*

*******EVENTS CONTINUED*******

PARALLEL PARKING:

This event is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to park the bus parallel to a curb without touching barriers placed at both ends of the parking area, without touching the curb and within 18 inches of the curb. It is also designed to judge the drivers ability to drive the bus out of the parking area without touching the barriers or the curb.

STRAIGHT LINE FORWARD:

This event determines the driver's ability to proceed through five sets of obstacles with the right hand wheels of the vehicle, without striking or moving markers.

RAILROAD CROSSING:

This event is designed to determine the driver's knowledge of the railroad crossing laws and the ability to apply that knowledge during practical application.

BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK:

This event is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to back the bus into a ten feet wide alley without touching the upright markers and side and rear limit markers. A maximum time of three minutes is allowed for this test. And at the end of the test, the bus should be parked as near as possible in the center of the alley and within one feet of the barrier.

STUDENT LOADING:

The purpose of this event is to determine the driver's knowledge of the rules governing the loading of students as well as testing their ability to physically load students in accordance with the rules.

Remember, upon completion of each event, the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, and wait for the judge to annotate the score sheet. The judges will then direct you to the next event or staging area. Failure to follow this procedure will result in demerits.

Special note:

All boundary lines and other markers, with the exception of the balls in the straight line forward and the pull up line in the alley dock, will be treated as vertical walls. If any part of the vehicle touches or would punch through these vertical walls, it will be treated as an encroachment. All encroachments will be counted as demerits.